Owl Weaving

Kit contains:

- 1 cardboard circle loom
- 3 coils of yarn
- 1 sewing needle
- 2 yellow felt circles
- 2 black felt circles
- orange and brown felt pieces
- 2 feathers

You will need: scissors, glue, and a sharp pencil.

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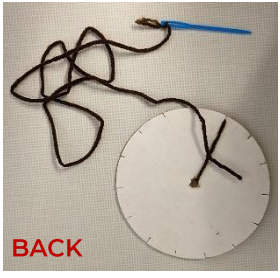
INSTRUCTIONS

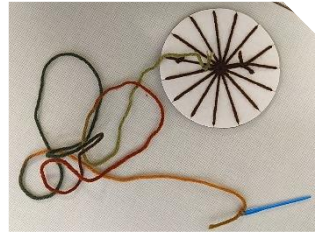
Step 1. Prepare your cardboard loom. Cut the 15 marked slits around the perimeter of the circle. Poke a sharp pencil through the center.

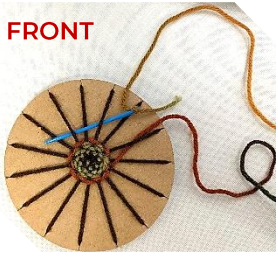


Step 2. Thread the shorter length of brown yarn onto your needle. Push the needle through the hole in the center. Wrap the yarn through any one slit in the loom, and knot the loose end as shown. The knot side is the back of your loom.

Step 3. String your loom. Using your needle, wrap your yarn through the next slit and back through the center hole. Repeat until you've wrapped through all 15 slits. Tie the yarn ends together and snip off the needle.

Step 4. Thread your multicolor yarn onto your needle. Tie the loose end to the back of your loom. Poke the needle through the center hole to the front.



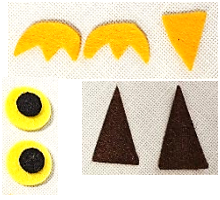


Step 5. Weave the needle and yarn *over, under, over, under* again and again until you run out of multicolor yarn. Snip off the needle, tie the brown yarn to the multicolor, and rethread. Keep weaving until you are almost out of yarn.

Step 6. Poke your needle through the cardboard loom in a discreet location. Tie the loose end of the yarn to the back of the loom. Snip off the needle.

Source: *thatartistwoman.org/2015/09/woven-owls-and-weavy-loops.html*

Step 7. Owl-ify! Cut out a beak and feet from the orange felt and ear tufts from the brown felt. Stack the eye circles. Glue eyes, ear tufts, beak, feet, and feather wings to your owl.



OWLS IN ILLINOIS

Illinois is home to or visited by 8 species of owls, including the American Barn Owl, the Great Horned Owl (shown), and the Snowy Owl.

Humans can cause a lot of stress to owls in the wild. The Chicago Bird Alliance's guide to ethical owl viewing and photography can help you be a good neighbor:

chicagobirdalliance.org/blog/2020/12/8/respecting-owls-ethical-owl-viewing-and-photography